

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**November 6, 2003**

## **MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

#### **Voting Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Chair  
Councilmember Harry Baldwin  
Councilmember Ron Bates  
Councilmember Glen Becerra  
Supervisor Paul Biane  
Councilmember Lou Bone  
Councilmember Art Brown  
Mayor Lawrence Dale  
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels  
Defenbaugh, C. Joy  
Mayor Richard Dixon  
Councilmember Judy Dunlap  
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger  
Councilmember Frank Gurule  
Mayor Carol Herrera  
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog  
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe  
Councilmember Llewellyn C. Miller  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
Councilmember Will Pieper  
Mayor Bea Proo  
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway  
Mayor Ron Roberts  
Councilmember Greig Smith  
Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence  
  
Councilmember Dick Stanford

#### **Representing**

City of Grand Terrace  
City of San Gabriel  
City of Los Alamitos  
Simi Valley City  
County of San Bernardino  
City of Tustin  
City of Buena Park  
City of Barstow  
City of Paramount  
City of Riverside  
City of Lake Forest  
City of Inglewood  
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG  
City of Cudahy  
City of Diamond Bar  
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG  
City of Hemet, RCTC  
City of Claremont  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Pico Rivera  
City of Newport Beach  
City of Temecula  
City of Los Angeles  
City of La Canada Flintridge,  
Arroyo Verdugo Cities  
City of Azusa

Mayor Tom Sykes	City of Walnut
Councilmember Paul Talbot	City of Alhambra
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.	City of Pasadena
Councilmember Linda Wilson	City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

**Voting Members Absent**

Supervisor Yvonne Burke  
 Mayor George Cole  
 Mayor Bill Davis  
 Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung  
 Mayor Pro Tem John R. Fasana  
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti  
 Councilmember Gary J. George  
 Mayor Larry Grogan  
 Councilmember Robert Hunter  
 Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs  
 Councilmember Tim Keenan  
 Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal  
 Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall  
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy  
 Supervisor Judy Mikels  
 Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller  
 Councilmember Keith Millhouse  
 Mayor Mark Nuaimi  
 Councilmember Pam O'Connor  
 Mayor Gary Ovitt  
 Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt  
 Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth  
 Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga

**Representing**

County of Los Angeles  
 City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG  
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC  
 City of Laguna Niguel  
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG  
 City of Los Angeles  
 City of Redlands  
 City of El Centro, IVAG  
 City of Victorville  
 City of El Segundo  
 City of Cypress, Orange County COG  
 City of Long Beach  
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG  
 City of Downey  
 County of Ventura  
 City of Corona  
 City of Moorpark  
 City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC  
 City of Santa Monica  
 City of Ontario  
 Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion  
 City Santa Clarita, North LA County  
 City of Long Beach

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present**

Rose Casey

**Representing**

Caltrans, Los Angeles

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent**

Rotating Board Member

**Representing**

Air Resources Board

**Transportation Commissions – Vacant**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**New Members**

Councilmember Glen Becerra

City of Simi Valley

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lee Ann Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

## **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

### **3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 October 2, 2003 Meeting Minutes

### **3.2 Receive and File**

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report  
**Attachment**

3.2.2 SCAG Legislative Matrix  
**Attachment**

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Comments to LAX Master Plan/Draft Environmental**

Mr. Mike Armstrong, SCAG presented this item. LAX Master Plan Alternative D is generally consistent with the adopted SCAG 2001 RTP forecast of 78 Million Air Passengers (MAP) and 3 million tons of cargo. Alternative D proposes to limit MAP through reconfiguring passenger terminals and reducing passenger gates by 10. However, SCAG believes an enforcement mechanism is needed to limit LAX to 78 MAP.

Alternative D is conducive to MAGLEV, because it proposes an intermodal transfer center adjacent to the MAGLEV segment. SCAG estimates that 23% of total LAX passengers would use MAGLEV if built, therefore it could provide significant ground access mitigation. However, the master plan is silent on the

MAGLEV option, and SCAG recommends that appropriate language be included referencing MAGLEV.

SCAG supports the regional approach proposed by Alternative D. However, the Alternative D does not propose proactive steps or explain how it would work with other airports to implement a regional strategy.

SCAG believes that the economic impact of \$32 million is a small return on the \$7.2 billion capital costs related to implementing Alternative D. Because of this, SCAG recommends that non-quantifiable benefits, such as safety and security, be added to the quantifiable benefits. Additionally, ground access projects lack detail such as costs and funding sources. Lastly, LAWA should consider incorporating elements of SCAG's preferred aviation plan as found in the draft 2004 RTP. This calls for LAWA to develop an integrated system plan for LAX, Ontario, and Palmdale airports that would be linked through MAGLEV and have their airline service coordinated. The plan also calls for LAWA to work with other airports with the ultimate goal the formation of an airport consortium that would coordinate airport planning within the region.

#### Comments/Questions by the Committee

Vice Mayor Robin Lowe questioned why the Regional Council-adopted Maglev initial operating segment is not indicated in SCAG's comments. She also believes that the tone of the letter to LAWA should be strengthened.

Councilmember Dick Stanford believes that SCAG's comments should note that the adopted 2001 RTP policy constraint for LAX is 78 Million Annual Passengers (MAP), while the LAX Master Plan Alternative D is designed for 78.9 MAP.

Mayor Richard Dixon suggested that the letter retain language on page one detailing how Los Angeles World Airports will develop enforcement mechanisms to ensure LAX does not exceed 78 MAP.

There was a question regarding the ability to enforce a 78 MAP limit at LAX. Mr. Mark Pisano, SCAG Executive Director, commented that although there is currently no legal enforceable authority to limit LAX, passenger levels could be limited through gate limitations, and monitoring aircraft size and passenger levels.

Councilmember Judy Dunlap suggested that environmental justice issues be referenced or noted in this letter.

***It was moved, seconded, and approved to send SCAG's comments on the LAX Master Plan with the following revisions: 1)reference MAGLEV IOS; 2)reinsert language pertaining to mechanisms to enforce a 78 MAP limit at LAX; 3) insert***

*consortium letter; and 4)note that SCAG's adopted policy constraint for LAX is 78 Million Annual Passengers (MAP), while the LAX Master Plan Alternative D is designed for 78.9 MAP. The motion was carried with Councilmembers Bates and Dunlap opposing.*

#### 4.2 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program

Mr. Don Rhodes, Manager of Government and Public Affairs, presented this item. The 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program reflects the policies and programs in the adopted 2001 Regional Transportation Plan and activities by the three policy committees. This document includes the legislative program, the appropriations request, a matrix showing bills the Regional Council has asked staff to track, a legislative protocol, and a legislative calendar.

##### Comments/Questions by the Committee

Vice Mayor Lowe asked if the bullet point under Transportation Finance which states, "Evaluate the merits of a regional gas tax/user fee measure and the institutional framework necessary to implement and manage it" had been discussed by the TCC. Mr. Rich Macias, SCAG Manager of Transportation Planning, noted that this item has been discussed and that both the adopted 2001 RTP and draft 2004 RTP contain innovative financing measures to account for the shortfall between available and needed revenue to implement the plan.

Councilmember Paul Talbot asked why the I-710 is not referenced in the legislative program, considering that the project is identified in the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-3. Mr. Rhodes added that this document can be added as an appendix to the legislative program.

Chair Garcia requested that the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-3 be brought back to the TCC.

Mayor Dixon moved that the 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program document be sent back to staff to be reworded and clearly defined as to what this document does and does not do.

C. Joy Defenbaugh requested clarification on three items. First, under Legislative Program Objectives, "Refine and enhance SCAG's federal designation as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)." Second, items related to the Southwest Compact. Third, under Energy, "Support legislation or policies that provide more flexibility in directing public goods charge energy efficiency funding to local governments."

Councilmember Sid Tyler asked whether or not to prioritize the items in the Legislative Program.

There was also a question whether or not to include language in the Aviation section pertaining to environmental mitigation.

***It was moved, seconded, and approved to defer the 2004 State and Federal Legislative Program to the December TCC meeting to clarify items requested by the committee and clearly define what the document does and does not do.***

## **5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1 RTP Status Report**

The draft 2004 RTP has been released and is posted on the SCAG website. The closing date for public comments is January 16, 2004. The draft Technical Appendix is scheduled to be released in one to two weeks. Furthermore, staff level meetings will be held with the staffs at each of the County Transportation Commissions and COGs. The draft EIR is scheduled to be released December 4, 2004 with the public comment period probably extending to the second week of February.

Ms. Nancy Pfeffer spoke on SCAG's RTP Outreach efforts. This year, SCAG has organized approximately 155 outreach events pertaining to the State of the Region report, Compass, and RTP. These events have included participation from elected officials, subregions, Caltrans, CTCs, and business, community, and environmental groups.

### **5.2 Status of I-710 Gap Tunnel Proposal**

Mr. Bob Huddy, SCAG, presented this item. Currently, LACMTA is developing a scope of work for this project, which could be completed in early to mid-spring. Furthermore, Congressman Adam Schiff has requested funding for this study in TEA-3.

Mr. Pisano commented that the South Pasadena City Council has directed their staff to work with Caltrans, LACMTA, and SCAG to study the tunnel concept for the gap closure.

## **6.0 REGIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

No verbal report.

**7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT**

No verbal report.

**8.0 GOODS MOVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

No verbal report.

**9.0 SOUTHWEST COMPACT TASK FORCE**

No verbal report.

**10.0 CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Garcia noted that a few elected officials were able to participate in the UCLA Lake Arrowhead conference.

**11.0 STAFF REPORT**

No staff report.

**12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

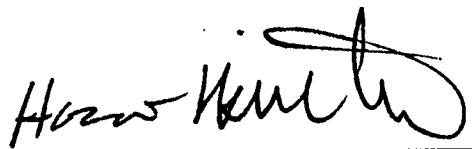
No additional agenda items were identified.

**13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lee Ann Garcia adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

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Hasan Ikhrata, Director